



NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

BOOTH DISTRICT PARK

7:15 P.M.

The Chair intends on adjourning this scheduled meeting no later than 10:00 P.M. The Chair estimates that an additional half-hour is needed to cover the increased amount of issues/concerns due to our cancelled regular meeting in February (due to hazardous weather conditions). The Chair requests full cooperation by members of the board, and guests; to be focused (on point), and very brief in their comments, or questions for each agenda item. Any Board member or guest desiring to speak before the Board, must be recognized by the Chair before proceeding. Individuals using cell phones should have it turned off, or on vibrate mode while the meeting is in progress.

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR: AL CANOPIN, JR.**
2. **VACANCIES:**
 - A. **Subdistrict 1** (one seat)
 - B. **Subdistrict 2** (one seat)
3. **BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION/CELEBRATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COMMISSIONER AND BOARD MEMBER SYLVIA YOUNG**
4. **FIRE AND POLICE** – Inquiries, questions, and comments will be restricted to the report presented.
 - A. Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)
 - B. Honolulu Police Department (HPD)
 - 1) District 1 – Honolulu
 - 2) District 5 – Kalihi
5. **ATTENDANCE RECORD OF BOARD MEMBERS**
6. **AGENDA (ESTABLISHING A TIME-LIMIT POLICY ON PRESENTATIONS, QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION, INQUIRIES, COMMENTS, ETC.) FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS**
7. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO HAVE THE “INVENTORY OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS” BE ATTACHED TO THE BOARD’S AGENDA AND MINUTES INDEFINITELY**
8. **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2005, AND JANUARY 17, 2006.**
9. **SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT**
10. **“MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY” that was submitted by elected government officials, will be read by board members, and be printed (verbatim) unto the board’s minutes.**



11. **RESOLUTION 05-342 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCLUSION IN THE 2006 HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE OF A PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE SUNSHINE LAW INAPPLICABLE TO EACH COUNTY COUNCIL AND REQUIRE EACH COUNTY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH OPEN MEETING PROVISIONS BY ITS OWN RULES AND PROCEDURES.**
12. **KAPALOALA PLACE – Widening Project – Bill Lum**
13. **RESOLUTION - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ELIMINATE COMMERCIAL VENDORS AT THE NU'UANU PALI LOOKOUT**
14. **RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM – NO. 06-087: REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR MOUNTAINSIDE LAND WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED.**
15. **RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM – NO. 06-088: REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING CONDUCT AN AREA DRAINAGE STUDY FOR NUUANU VALLEY.**
16. **RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM – NO. 06-089: ASSIGNING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ORDINANCE 86-108, ZONING MAP NO. 5 (KALIHI-NUUANU) RELATING TO THE REZONING OF CERTAIN LAND SITUATED AT NUUANU, OAHU, HAWAII.**
17. **BILL 37 (2006) INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM: REGULATING FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD DEVELOPMENT ON LOTS WITH AN AVERAGE GRADE OF 20 PERCENT OR MORE IN NUUANU VALLEY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.**
18. **DOWSETT HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION**
 - A. **RESOLUTION, or Letter of Rebuttal to the Letter by Mayor Mufi Hannemann**
 - B. **RESOLUTION**, for the State of Hawaii to provide funding in their FY2007 budget for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to immediately implement a topographical survey throughout Nuuanu Valley, assess the potential safety hazard of falling boulders and rocks, mudslides, erosion problems, take appropriate action to correct the problems, and to include introducing/passing legislation to prohibit development at all identifiable problematic locations.
19. **REVIEW THE INVENTORY/STATUS OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**
20. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RATIFICATION OF PRE-ESTABLISHED LOCATION TO HOLD REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS.** Note:
Spoke with Vera (595-5422) of Nuuanu Elementary School. She will continue to hold the reservation until the board makes a decision.

**B. RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE “HOLD” ON ALL ACTIONS OF HCDA REGARDING
KAKA’AKO MAKAI DEVELOPMENT**

21. CHAIR & VICE CHAIR’S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NO LATER THAN 9:50 P.M.)

22. ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M.)

STATE, CITY & COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, OMPO, AND OTHER AGENCIES

State, City & County Elected Officials, OMPO, and other agencies are encouraged to deliver ample copies of their reports to the Neighborhood Board Commission (Attn: Chair – NHB #12, Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street, Suite #400) **NO LATER THAN March 20, 2006 (Monday)**. Reports submitted will be distributed to Board members, and extra copies provided will be made available for attending guests.

CITIZENS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Citizens are encouraged to contact their elected neighborhood Board members regarding their issues. (See Neighborhood Board No 12 Directory as published on the City’s website – see below).
- Citizens are encouraged to submit written requests (for agenda consideration), 21 days prior to future Neighborhood Board meetings to: Chair – NHB #12, Honolulu Hale. 530 S. King Street, Suite 400, Honolulu HI 96813.
- Neighborhood Board Members are encouraged to immediately notify and/or forward citizens/community concerns received by them to the **CHAIR**, for timely implementation and referral towards bringing concerns to a closure. The intention of the Chair is to circumvent a “bottleneck effect” in addressing citizens’/community concerns at future Neighborhood Board Meetings.

NUUANU/PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD DIRECTORY

SUBDISTRICT 1:

Chair Al Canopin Jr. – 864-4941 (B) 527-5569
James Bannan – 521-5465
Richard Carreira – 537-4106
Remy Luria – (B) 538-8300

SUBDISTRICT 3:

Vice Chair Paula Kurashige – 595-7094
Dean Asahina – 595-6452 (B) 845-3986
Rae Gee – (B) 527-6395
Audrey Hidano – 595-6262 (B) 847-5555
Philip Nerney – 537-1777

SUBDISTRICT 2:

Secretary/Treasurer Patt Spencer – 521-2761
Vice Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Ogawa – 479-6286x216
Mason Aiona – 538-6173
Sylvia Young – 845-9022

*Any person requiring accommodations to participate in this meeting may call the
Neighborhood Commission Office at 523-4944*

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Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board

Inventory of Community Concerns

March 21, 2006

<p style="text-align: center;">Kapaloala Place Adjacent to Pauoa Elementary School Parking Lot)</p> <p>SERVICE REQUESTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide timetable/target start & finish dates for the proposed widening project at the location. • Provide information regarding the source of funding for the project. • Provide justification for proceeding with this project. • Provide detailed map of project, and information regarding the impact upon residents at the location. • Provide documentation of a public hearing, notification to residents in the area, acceptance by residents impacted, to include an endorsement by the neighborhood board. • DO NOT proceed with this project without first providing the impacted property owners/residents an opportunity to express their concerns via a public hearing, etc. • Respond to our office, and to the requestor with your findings, recommendations, and intended action to be taken. <p>NOTE(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kapaloala Place is a public and private roadway. • Residents have indicated that they DO NOT support this proposed widening roadway project. • Inquiries and request for information regarding this project from the requestor to the MDO and DTS have been unanswered for nearly a year. 	<p>Memorandum – dated January 27, 2006 from Department of Transportation Services to Director Henry Eng (Department of Planning and Permitting) stated: “DPP will be preparing the appropriate response, and there is no requirement from the Department of Transportation Services.</p> <p>Status: Response from the Department of Planning and Permitting is pending.</p> <p>A 2nd follow-up inquiry was sent to the City Administration on March 10, 2006.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NUUANU WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT</p>	<p>Communication between Vice Chair Kurashige and Su Shin of BWS is included in the board member's information packet. A colored map of the proposal (fire hydrants) is also enclosed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NUUANU STREAM REPAIR Violet Okuda – 145 Puiwa Road</p>	<p>Response by Deputy Director Eugene C. Lee (Department of Design and Construction): We share the same concerns as you with respect to the erosion, and are trying our best to resolve the situation expeditiously. Both Federal and local funds are available to make the repairs on an emergency basis. Normally, a 401 Water Quality Permit (401 WQP) from the State Department of Health (SDOH) would be required for this type of project. This permit process normally takes more than one (1) year to obtain; however, we are presently working with SDOH to see if a waiver can be obtained to expedite the 401 WQP approval. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marvin Char at 527-6381.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LACK OF PARKING S. Kuakini St. (between Nuuanu Avenue and Pali Hwy.) Request by: Representative Sylvia Luke</p>	<p>Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending</p>

<p>SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:</p> <p>There is not enough parking for area residents, and as a result, police are ticketing cars much more frequently. Please investigate this situation and see if a solution can be implemented.</p>	<p>Pending.</p>
<p>Waokanaka Road Missing Signage</p> <p>A request to replace the missing sign. The first sign on the makai side of the road on Waokanaka is missing, and there is an empty pole next to an electric pole.</p>	<p>Request was forwarded to the City Administration on February 7, 2006.</p> <p>The Department of Facility Maintenance/Road Maintenance Division responded: This is under State's jurisdiction. DFM to notify State Highways District office.</p>
<p>3501 Nu'uuanu Pali Drive</p> <p>SERVICE REQUESTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFM - Street Cleaners to properly dispose of the debris fronting the location, and throughout Nuuanu Pali Drive. • DDC to provide cost estimates, and a scheduled plan to make the location and surrounding areas ADA compliant. • Provide funding appropriations in the Mayor's CIP budget for the ADA project. 	<p>The Department of Design and Construction (Marvin Char 527-6983) responded that this location is under the "STATE" jurisdiction, and therefore needs to be referred to the "STATE" for consideration. The Department of Design and Construction will take no further action concerning this issue of ADA compliance improvements.</p> <p>A response from the Department of Facility Maintenance in regards to cleaning the area: Nuuanu Pali Drive is scheduled for mechanical sweeping once a week as resources permit. The last sweeping was done on 2/16/06. It should be noted that the area in the subject vicinity has many trees and shrubbery that causes leaves and twigs to continually fall onto the roadway. More frequent sweeping of this area cannot be scheduled due to large workload and lack of resources. The Superintendent has informed his street sweeping drivers to dispose of there debris properly and be more aware of having the street sweeping brooms clean closer along the curb side. Should there be any questions, please call Melvin Miyata, District Road Maintenance Superintendent to the Halawa Corporation Yard, at 484-7630.</p> <p>Director Henry Eng reported that Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP) inspection on 1/14/06 revealed the sidewalk area is overgrown. Notice of violation 2006/NOV-02-135 has been issued to the owners of the property.</p> <p>An inquiry was made to State Representative Sylvia Luke's office to respond to the ADA Compliance concern. Response Pending.</p> <p>March 1, 2006 - Received a phone call from Marvin Char (DDC) 527-6893, who said he just was informed that the city does have jurisdiction. He stated that there are no sidewalks at the location, and the city administration's recommendation would be to initiate the "Improvement District" process. He would need several weeks to officially respond to our inquiry. The homeowners would have to pay for 50% of the costs, and some may even lose some property to bring the location up to standard.</p>

<p>the State to take over the reservoir.</p> <p><i>(Board member Sylvia Young)</i></p>	<p>water released during heavy rains is consistent and significantly less than if the dam was not there. The BWS is interested in the State taking over the Nuuanu Reservoir because flood control and aquatic activities are not core BWS functions.</p>
<p>DOWSETT HIGHLANDS</p> <p>Concerns were raised over the Mayor's "non-response" (Nov. 22 letter) to the concerns of the Nuuanu community about the proposed Dowsett Highlands subdivision. The Mayor has already seen specific information on the infrastructure inadequacies. It was felt that he was saying that the subdivision would be approved, regardless of inadequacies.</p> <p><i>(Board members Phil Nerney, Sylvia Young)</i></p>	<p>The Mayor responded on Nov. 22, 2005 to September 16, 2005 letter from Mr. Canopin, Jr.</p>
<p>EXCESSIVE SPEEDING AT PUIWA ROAD</p> <p>PAPAKOLEA</p> <p>The area surrounding the dignified Papakolea sign (installed by the community) was supposed to be landscaped, and sprinklers installed – what happened to that project? Can the federal government chip in any money, since it's the gateway to the cemetery?</p> <p><i>(Board member Patt Spencer)</i></p>	<p>Residents have expressed their concerns regarding excessive speeding (45+MPH) on Puiwa Road. Councilmember Tam's office submitted a request to investigate the feasibility of installing a speed bump at the blind curve adjacent to 130 Puiwa Road, and/or to find another optional measure to reduce speeding in the area, to increase motor vehicle and pedestrian safety. Response from the City Administration is pending.</p> <p>Response from the Department of Design & Construction:</p> <p>The area surrounding the dignified Papakolea sign (installed by the community) was supposed to be landscaped, and sprinklers installed – what happened to that project? Can the federal government chip in any money, since it's the gateway to the cemetery?</p> <p>Eugene Lee, Deputy Director: There was a vision project to provide landscaping/irrigation around the existing sign situated on DHHL land. Plans were developed, however, one of the conditions imposed by the City was that a Memorandum of Agreement be executed to assign maintenance and liability responsibilities since the improvements were to be on State lands. The community/vision team apparently balked at being a party to the MOA, and the project died. The plan was provided to the vision team when they indicated that they wanted to pursue it on their own.</p>
<p>KIMO BRIDGE</p> <p>Kimo Bridge is in disrepair, and needs work to reduce the flooding. No maintenance has been done on the bridge for years. The Pelekane Street Bridge also needs to be reviewed.</p> <p><i>(Board member Paula Kurashige, 595-7094)</i></p>	<p>More time is needed for investigation.</p> <p>Response Pending.</p>
<p>BOOTH DISTRICT PARK</p> <p>Aiona received a call regarding his complaints about the trees in Booth District Park, and someone at DPR turned down the request to look at it, and Aiona was given the impression that no one from DPR would ever come look at it.</p> <p><u><i>(Board member Mason Aiona)</i></u></p>	<p>DPR, Urban Forestry Division: To address the concern of the city tree branches that are encroaching near high-tension wires, DPR responded that the tree work will be performed the latter part of February 2006.</p>
<p>PALI DRIVE</p>	<p>Response Pending.</p>

<p>Pali Drive (the 1st house on Nuuanu Pali Drive off Pali Hwy), the sidewalk area is severely overgrown. Disabled persons must walk in the street to get to Pali Hwy. It's very dangerous. The house there is rented. Please assist in clearing. <i>(Board member Paula Kurashige, 595-7094)</i></p>	
<p>Bridge at Auwaiolimu Street The bridge is owned by Hawaiian Homes (DHHL). It was privately owned, then DHHL wanted to turn it over to Pauoa School, but they didn't want to take it. <i>(Board members Sylvia Young and James Bannan)</i></p>	<p>Response from the City Administration: This is a State issue and should be forwarded to the Governor's representative.</p> <p>Response Pending.</p>
<p>Niniko Place 1st bullet point: The makai side trees (31 plum trees) are growing into the sidewalk area. The residents want them checked for termites and maintained, not removed. 2nd bullet point: The grass trimmings that were left, were not on the sidewalk, and they were left by the caretaker of the Marks Estate. The caretaker says that he can do nothing about the trees, since they are under historical preservation. <i>(Board member Paula Kurashige, 595-7094)</i></p>	<p>Nola Frank – reported that this is a historic site and owner should call the State.</p>

<p>Nu'uanu Neighborhood Security Watch Replacement of Signs - Request by Paula Kurashige 1Mar06</p> <p>-----</p> <p>2161 Pauoa Road Request by: Representative Sylvia Luke</p> <p>SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a small grassy area in front of 2161 Pauoa Road, which has become a neighborhood magnet for bulky pickup items. Many of these items are not acceptable for bulky pickup and the accumulation is becoming a safety hazard. Please have these bulky items removed as to prevent any injuries to residents in the area. • Please investigate the feasibility of placing an official City & County "No Dumping" sign on the existing telephone pole fronting 2161 Pauoa Road. 	<p>Request forwarded to the city administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office – Response Pending.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.</p>
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<p>NAMILIMILI STREET Request by: Marvin Kailikea</p> <p>SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide street cleaning services every Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Namilimili Street in Pauoa Valley. This request stems from the excessive amount of rubbish created by the Monkey 	<p>Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.</p>
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<p>Pod Trees at Booth Park, which is directly across Namilimili Street. For many years, the rubbish from these trees has created a great burden on the residents in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help facilitate this street cleaning, residents are requesting the installation of "No Parking" signs on Namilimili Street, which would prohibit parking only on Tuesdays & Thursdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. • A petition were signed by the Namilimili Street residents who are in favor of these measures. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">AHEKOLO STREET Request by: Joe Fasone</p> <p>SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is overgrowth from private property encroaching onto the City Road, making it difficult for cars to pass safely. This property, located across 2651 Ahekololo Street has many bushes and trees that are growing over the guardrail there. Please inform the property owners of their responsibility of maintaining their shrubbery so that it does not encroach onto city streets. • Our constituent is requesting the City look into the feasibility of lowering the speed limit on this part of Ahekololo Street (between Pacific Heights Road and Boot Road) due to its narrowness. 	<p>Response by Henry Eng (Director – Department of Planning and Permitting): "Inspection by Lester Hirano revealed the sidewalk area on the Ahekololo Street side is overgrown with weeds and private tree branches. This is a dual frontage. A work order was sent to the Department of Facility Maintenance.</p> <p>Response by Melvin N. Kaku (Acting Director – Department of Transportation Services) Our investigation revealed that speed limit signs are not posted on this portion of Ahekololo Street. Therefore, we will be issuing a work order to the Department of Facility Maintenance to install the appropriate "SPEED LIMIT 15" signs after the required legal notice has been published. Should you have any questions, please call Leon Lau at 523-4676.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BOOTH ROAD Request by: Councilmember Rod Tam</p> <p>SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City crews recently cleared some overgrowth on a stream embankment located across 2642 Booth Road. However, there is still a lot of overgrowth in the stream that needs to be cleared. Please have this overgrowth removed as it may contribute to flooding in this area during times of heavy rain. 	<p>Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.</p>